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MESSAGE

Examiner Waits, An agenda for the interview on Thursday, March 25 is discussed below:

Claims 21/26: Office Action on page 3 states that Klepper teaches the claimed group of wear-resistant materials for the effects described in col. 2, lines 51-56. However, the cited portion of Klepper only discusses boron carbide (B₄C). Boron carbide is not among the claimed group of materials. Further, col. 8, lines 31-32 of Klepper lists general types of materials on which the method of depositing films may be applied (carbides, borides, etc.). In contrast, Applicants have realized benefits of the specific materials recited in the claim. The claim is not directed to any compound including carbides or borides. Klepper does not disclose any of the specific materials of Claim 21.

Claim 21: Office Action on page 2 asserts that journals 62 of Law correspond to claimed engaging portion. However, Law does not disclose that the journals are rotatably supported relative to the housing.

Claims 23/28: Law and Klepper do not disclose a coating made of one of the wear-resistant materials AND one of the solid lubricant materials.

Claim 26: It is not clear based on the Office Action (see top of page 4) how the asserted supporting portion (64, fig. 4) rotatably supports the asserted rotation member 56, (fig. 3).

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